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PREDICTION THAT CENSUS WILL SHOW LOUISA OVER 2000

Fort Gay, Our Sister City, Believed to Have Over 600 Inhabitants.

We feel safe in stating that the 1920 census will show Louisa's population to be above 2000. The boosters have been claiming this for some time and we believe their claim will be fully verified. They will now move up a peg in their claim, true to the boosters rule.

The exact report of the new census being taken by the United States government will be watched with interest. If our estimate is correct the report will show more than a 50 per cent increase over the last census, which is not a bad showing. And the best part of it is, the growth is just starting in earnest.

If Louisa officially has passed the 2000 mark we have met the first requisite in getting free mail delivery service within the city limits. Our Board of Trade will no doubt take notice of this fact at the proper time and help to push the matter along. Our sister city of Fort Gay, connected by a bridge, will show over 600 population, which is a substantial increase and a very creditable showing.

Louisa Girl Goes to India as Missionary

A Louisa girl is to go sail for India on Thursday of next week, going as a missionary to that country. She was Miss Ora Curran, of this place, and for the past few years has been at Waukesha, Wis., where she was educated. She recently married a preacher and they both are going as missionaries. She was here to visit relatives recently.

Court of Appeals Decides Collinsworth Case

The case of Jeff Collinsworth against Bower & Bower of Cleveland was decided by the Court of Appeals Tuesday in favor of Bower & Bower. The result is reported in the papers as follows:

Bower vs. Collinsworth, Lawrence; affirmed on cross-appeal, reversed on original.

This case involved about \$4000. The controversy resulted from transactions in cattle.

REVENUE MEN WILL HELP YOU TO FILL OUT YOUR REPORT

As the time approaches for the making out of income tax reports we know the people of eastern Kentucky will be interested in what the revenue department of the government is planning to do in order to aid people in making out these reports.

The government is sending out deputy collectors all over the country to aid the people in filling out these reports. Deputy Collector Wells, of Ashland, has given out a list of places and dates where the Deputy collectors will be and where their services are offered free to the people.

Paintsville, February 2, 3, 4. Van Lear, February 5. Prestonburg, February 6, 7. Wayland, February 9, 10. Wechsburg, February 13. Pikeville, February 16, 17. Louisa, February 19, 20, 21.

REPORT THAT FOUTY WAS NOT KILLED

There is a report going around that Fouty, the oil well shooter who was supposed to be blown to pieces in an explosion at the magazine two miles north of Louisa about four years ago, is alive and has been seen in New York. As the story goes, he had life insurance of \$20,000 and the explosion was a fixed up scheme to get this money. The team of horses was blown to bits. The destruction was so complete that nothing was found that could be positively identified as a part of Fouty's body. Some pieces of flesh were gathered, however, supposed to be from Fouty's body.

KENTUCKY OIL MAN DIES IN VANCOUVER

Lexington, Ky.—Word has been received by F. B. Hettis of this city of the death of his brother, J. T. Hettis, 52 years old, at Vancouver, B. C. The Hettis brothers made a fortune in Lee county oil, J. T. going to Vancouver from here a year ago to look after their mining and timber interests there.

LOUISA'S NEW SHOP.

The Cliff Machinery company, which will make a specialty of doing repair work for oil well equipment, has installed a new lathe in the Louisa plant. Other machines, including a steam hammer, will be put in as soon as possible to get them. The plant is located on the J. W. Yates property in lower Louisa.

MRS. McKINSTER DIED.

Mrs. Henry McKinster died at her home in West Virginia. Her body was brought to this county for burial. She was about 15 years of age and was the daughter of J. M. Berry.

A SURPRISE WEDDING OCCURS AT FALLSBURG

Miss Pluma Collinsworth and Mr. Forrest Damron were married at Fallsburg Wednesday of this week by Rev. R. M. Curran. The wedding was in secret and the nearest relatives did not learn of it until the next day. There was no reason for the secrecy except a desire to surprise the families.

The bride is one of the handsome daughters of Mr. and Mrs. A. Collinsworth, of Fallsburg. Mr. Damron is a merchant at that place, being junior member of the firm of J. D. Damron & Son. He is a young man of good habits and strict integrity, and is to be congratulated upon winning the heart and hand of such a worthy and attractive young lady. Both of the young people have many friends, all of whom wish them prosperity and happiness.

THE BLACKSBURG COAL COMPANY AT TORCHLIGHT

The new coal operation at Torchlight by the Blacksbury Coal company is going along with the work of preparation as rapidly as conditions will permit.

Mr. N. M. Orr is working out plans along new lines that promise to mean a great deal to this vicinity. He has had considerable experience in coal mining as well as other lines of business.

FIRST YANKS SAIL FROM SIBERIA, GRAVES CABLES

Washington.—Maj. Gen. William S. Graves has notified the State Department from Vladivostok, that the first contingent of the American forces being withdrawn from Siberia sailed from Vladivostok Jan. 17 for Nagasaki, en route to Manila. The total on board, exclusive of sick, is thirty-four officers, and 334 enlisted men.

WEATHER FAILS TO STOP OIL WORK

The price of Pennsylvania grade oil received another boost of 25 cents this week, bringing the price to \$2.25 per barrel. Other grades remain the same as before, but producers are hoping for an advance to follow the Pennsylvania boost.

The Ohio Fuel Oil Company has closed a deal with Fred Frazier for two acres below the mouth of Two Mile for a railroad siding and storage grounds. The siding will be put in at once.

The Ohio Fuel is starting a well on E. E. Shannon's land near the Mt. Pleasant school house. Also another on the L. S. Alley farm.

The well on Thad. Ranson's place was considerably improved by a shot and will be a good producer.

The Richmond Drilling Company is down about 650 feet on the Conley-Burgess well No. 1.

Watkin & Preston have a difficult fishing job on a well near Busserville. The trouble occurred while cleaning out the well.

The T. F. Maloney well on the J. Q. Lackey farm is nearing completion. The crew brothers started drilling on J. H. Woods' farm on the Point opposite Louisa. A bit broke at a depth of less than 200 feet and is delaying the job.

On Upper Blaine. The well drilled by J. Isakky and others on the Wm. Weaver land on Knob Branch shows nothing in the first sand, where production was expected, and drilling has stopped. The contractor, Stevens & Garrison, will move to the Union Gas & Oil Company's leases, where they have a lot of work contracted.

The Union Company is starting wells No. 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27, on lands of Dr. Proctor Sparks, Mr. Holbrook, Daniel Skaggs, Roscoe Miller and J. Gambill heirs. The Union company is running about 200 barrels per day to market.

The V. V. Atkins well on the Rice lease is making a good record on production. Bad roads and bad weather are interfering with work, but all companies are going forward as rapidly as possible with their work.

In Johnson County. Repairs for the Browning Petroleum machine, drilling on the Lee Bailey tract, has arrived and drilling was begun Friday the 23rd.

The A. P. Gibson Petroleum Co. well on the Andy Jayne farm, has penetrated the Weir sand at a depth of about 650 feet and fifteen feet of rich pay sand is reported which is very gratifying to the company. The drilling will continue through the Berea after which the Weir sand will be shot. The indications are very promising for a good well in the Weir.

The well being drilled near Pearle postoffice on Brush Fork of Lick creek is expected in the Weir Thursday the 29th. If no production is found in this sand they will continue to the lower sands.

Latest reports from the Kelly Branch well is that about a half million feet of gas has been encountered and drilling through the sand not yet completed.

Wheeler Watkins company has purchased acreage on Isiah Fork with the expectation of developing same immediately. This is the Walter Spradlin tract.

Phillips No. 2 is reported cleaned and good for fifteen barrels per day.—Herald.

WILL MOVE TO LOUISA

C. R. Wilson, of Fort Gay, has bought two lots in the Brown addition and will move to Louisa as soon as he can erect a building on these lots.

LOREN BERRY WAS KILLED BY ENGINE AT NOLAN, W. VA.

Loren Berry, formerly of Louisa, was instantly killed at Nolan, W. Va., last Saturday morning by an N. & W. locomotive. The body was taken to the home of his mother, near Fort Gay, and the burial took place Monday. Rev. H. B. Hewlett conducted the services.

The wife and two small children survive. She is a daughter of Felix Thompson, of this county. Deceased was a son of the late Buchanan Berry, formerly toll keeper on the Louisa & Fort Gay bridge. M. G. Berry, of this place, was his uncle. He was about 26 years old. Just a few days before his death he had moved to Nolan, where he held a good position, and was making his home temporarily with his brother Hubert.

The accident occurred in the usual way—by standing on a railroad track, with his attention concentrated on a moving train on a parallel track. A shifting engine struck him and caused instant death.

Mr. Berry was a young man of excellent character. His death is a severe loss to the country and a most violent blow to his family.

A. C. Shannon and Family Returning to Louisa

One of Louisa's native sons probably will return to us very soon, after an absence of ten years, and he and his family will be welcomed home. We refer to A. C. Shannon, formerly known here as A. C. Pigg. In the outset we shall explain that by decree of court at Houston, Texas, his name was changed for the reason that the original was very unusual in that section of country, and caused the children to be taunted and embarrassed by their associates in school and elsewhere. So the maiden name of his mother was chosen, and Shannon is now the legal name and must of necessity be used.

Mr. Shannon is a fine mechanic, a competent architect and an expert on building and construction. The development now on in this vicinity, and the natural longing to get back home, has caused him to consider returning here to locate. Houston was Mr. Shannon's home for several years, but lately he has lived in Pittsburg. Mrs. Shannon is a daughter of Mrs. Alice Rice, of Paintsville. These people will be valuable additions to our growing community. They are expected here within a few days to visit Mr. Shannon's mother, Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, and brother George Lewis. They expect to settle in Louisa, but will decide definitely after a visit.

STATE IS FIFTH IN COAL OUTPUT

Washington.—Kentucky ranked fifth among States in 1919 in production of bituminous coal, according to estimates furnished by the Geological Survey. The Bluegrass State was surpassed only by Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Illinois and Ohio.

Production of Kentucky mines is estimated at 28,600,000 tons. In 1918 it was 31,512,617 and in 1917 it was 27,807,971.

According to statistics furnished the average number of days worked in Kentucky mines was 230 during the year, and the number of employees was 28,342.

A total of 1,226 men was on strike and 15,318 days were lost. This is an average of twelve days for each employe. The general average for the country is seven.

Mrs. R. A. McKee, Sr. Dies at Fort Gay, W. Va.

The funeral of Mrs. R. A. McKee, Sr. was held Tuesday afternoon in the M. E. Church in Fort Gay, W. Va. Her death occurred at her home there after a long illness from asthma and complications.

The family moved to Louisa several years ago from Shelbyville, Ky., and they were residents of this place a number of years, later moving to Fort Gay.

Mrs. McKee is survived by her husband, two sons, Alex and Wm. B., and two daughters, Mrs. Jay See, of Washington, and Mrs. Otto Frazier, of Fort Gay.

Mrs. McKee was an excellent woman who enjoyed the respect of all who knew her.

Revival Starts at the Baptist Church Sunday

Attention is called to the announcement in the church column of this paper in regard to a revival meeting that will start in the Baptist church in Louisa next Sunday.

Rev. Pope will have a preacher and a singer from other points to assist him. Read the announcement for full particulars. The pastor invites everybody to take part.

CELEBRATE SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, assisted by their three children, Genevieve Faher, Mary Louise, and Lawrence William, celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at their home in Newport, Ky., Jan. 20. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Belle Roberts, sister of Tom and Dan Roberts of this city. Their beautiful home was decorated with plants and cut flowers. The couple was again married by the same minister, the Rev. Wm. Jones, D. D., father of the host, that performed the ceremony at Louisa, Ky., 25 years ago. Many handsome gifts of silver were received.—Paintsville Herald.

NEW STUDY ADOPTED.

Following a conference of the Kentucky Committee on Physical Education, it was decided unanimously to put physical education in the state course of study and to authorize schools to adopt it in their curriculum.

TIMBER TRACT PROBABLY SOLD.

W. M. Fulkerson has probably contracted the sale of his valuable tract of timber land on Catt creek in Lawrence county. It is the best piece of virgin timber in the county.

DEATH CLAIMS MRS. ANDREW VANHOOSE AT WHITEHOUSE

Mrs. Andrew Vanhoose, age 53 years, has passed to the Great Beyond, leaving a husband, son L. C., and daughter Cora, to mourn her loss. L. C. is a general merchant at Whitehouse. She was a loving wife, a kind and affectionate mother. To know her was to love her. She was for 38 years a faithful and devoted member of the United Baptist church at Chestnut. Was a daughter of the late Rev. John Murray. She was married to Andrew Vanhoose May 29, 1884. Her remains were laid to rest in the Murray cemetery near Chestnut.

The wife and two small children survive. She is a daughter of Felix Thompson, of this county. Deceased was a son of the late Buchanan Berry, formerly toll keeper on the Louisa & Fort Gay bridge. M. G. Berry, of this place, was his uncle. He was about 26 years old. Just a few days before his death he had moved to Nolan, where he held a good position, and was making his home temporarily with his brother Hubert.

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MRS. MORDECAI WILLIAMS ANSWERS DEATH'S CALL

Mrs. Mordecai Williams, one of our most honored and distinguished ladies passed away at her home at Normal last week after an illness of several weeks. Mrs. Williams was near 84 years old. She was a Miss Savage before marriage and is highly connected in this vicinity and Eastern Kentucky. She established the fine Normal school which gave Normal its name and which lent so much prestige to this section in those days. It was a great school and many of the leading men and women of this section received their education there. She was a faithful member of the M. E. Church South in Catlettsburg.—Independent.

ASHLAND PLANT WAS DAMAGED BY FIRE

A fire in the engine room at the Ashland Iron & Mining Company's furnace caused so much damage to the dynamo, motors and electric works that the plant will have to be closed down, causing a great loss as they have heavy orders filed. The plant was running full force.

The loss is estimated at \$60,000, covered by insurance.

MAHER PRESIDENT OF NORFOLK & WESTERN

Philadelphia.—N. D. Maher has been elected president of the Norfolk & Western Railway Company. At present he is regional director of the Pocahontas region. He begins his new duties on March 1.

L. E. Johnson, retired as president, and will become chairman of the board.

William G. McDowell, vice-president in charge of finances and accounts, was relieved at his own request after forty years of service. He will become assistant to the president.

BURIED AT WASHINGTON.

The body of Robert Mauger was taken from Pittsburg to Washington for burial last week. At the time the NEWS was printed no announcement of burial arrangements had been received here.

IN HONOR OF GUEST.

Miss Mary Hagen returned to her home in Huntington yesterday after a visit to Miss Elizabeth Conley. While here she was the guest of honor at three social affairs, given by Miss Klazie Burns, Miss Ellen Hughes and Miss Elizabeth Conley.

CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER MATTERS OF RELIGIOUS NATURE

Bishop Kilgo Not Dead.

The report that Bishop Kilgo died last week is untrue. It started through an error in transmitting a telegram. The Bishop is alive and in his usual state of health.

Churches Gain 3,000,000 Souls.

America's churches have gained nearly 3,000,000 members since the last church census was taken in 1916, but there has been a marked decrease in the number of Sunday Schools and Sunday School pupils, according to "the yearbook of the churches," just issued by the Federal Council of the Churches in Christ in America.

Total church membership has increased 3,779,667, the announcement says, with an increase of 3,519 ministers, and 5,350 church organizations. The total number of churches is now 233,824. There are 195,513 ministers, priests and rabbis, with 44,709,521 members of their various organizations. The decrease in Sunday School membership is estimated at more than 3,500,000.

Total Protestant church membership is given at 25,980,456 and the Roman Catholic figures at 17,549,324. It is explained that Protestant figures include only adult communicant members of a family, while Roman Catholic statistics represent the entire family. Estimating four persons to a family, the Protestant constituency would be more than 50,000,000, the book says.

An estimate of members of Jewish synagogues is 260,000 and the two Mormon bodies report a membership of 494,388.

The largest Protestant body reporting was the Methodist Episcopal Church with 4,175,502 members, and the smallest the Primitive Friends with fifty members and two ministers.

The "Matter With" America.

What's the matter with America these days? Too many diamonds, not enough alarm clocks.

Too many silk shirts, not enough blue flannel ones. Too many pointed-toed shoes, and not enough square-toed ones.

Too many serge suits and not enough overalls. Too many decollete and not enough aprons.

Too many satin-upholstered limousines and not enough cows. Too many consumers and not enough producers.

Too much oil stock and not enough savings accounts. Too much envy of the results of hard work and too little desire to emulate it.

Too many desiring short cuts to wealth and too few willing to pay the price.

Too much of the spirit of "get while the getting is good" and not enough of the old-fashioned Christianity.

Too much discontent that vents itself in mere complaining and too little real effort to remedy conditions.

Too much class consciousness and too little common democracy and love of humanity.—Fargo (S. D.) Forum.

The tongue is the most industrious member of the human body, and it is altruistic only to the extent that it often finds its sweetest exercise in talking about the "other man." You have become the victim of some one's tongue. As you muse, the fire burns.

You will have nothing further to do with him. You will not speak to him or, if you speak, you will do so with frigid restraint. O brother, do not carry out those bad resolutions. Go to the one who has wounded you. He may be able to prove that the wagging tongue has misrepresented him. If this be not the case, he may have an opportunity of telling you he is sorry and desires your forgiveness. Can you not see that after this you will be stronger friend than ever and life for both will be sweeter.

Biggest Sunday School in the World.

The First Baptist Church, of Fort Worth, Texas, is said to have the largest Sabbath school in the world. It has an enrollment of forty-four hundred. There are two hundred and fifty officers and teachers, all of whom have graduated from teachers' training classes; and "not one of them dances, plays cards, or breaks the Sabbath." There are eleven paid workers. A Sabbath school building one hundred feet and four stories high accommodates the school. Almost the entire school remains for public service.—United Presbyterian.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.

Rev. J. D. Bell announced Sunday that he would go to the Evergreen church next Sunday to assist Rev. A. J. Moore in a revival meeting, but on account of bad roads the meeting has been postponed indefinitely.

The ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society served cream, cake and coffee to all who called at the church last Friday evening from 5 to 9 o'clock. It was the 40th anniversary of the organization of this society in the Louisa church. No branch of the church work here has a better record.

It has been a live organization all the time, standing always either at the head or nearly so in the list of societies in the Western Virginia Conference. A free will offering amounting to about \$22 was received Friday evening.

At prayer meetings the pastor is

giving some time to a study of the church discipline and it is proving both interesting and helpful.

Prof. Sauchere, head of the music department of Kentucky Normal College, has been giving the choir some valuable assistance, which is greatly appreciated both by the choir and the congregation.

Missionary Meeting.

On Tuesday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Society was received by Mrs. Augustus Snyder, president of the Louisa society. Many of the members were in attendance at this meeting at which time the installation of officers took place. Rev. Bell installed the officers who are to serve the coming year. They are: Mrs. Alva Snyder, president; Mrs. Lottie Vinson, 1st vice president; Mrs. Mary Kinster, 2d vice president; Mrs. Georgia Byington, supt. publicity; Mrs. Cora Burton, supt. social service; Mrs. Mary Horton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Maggie Riffe, recording secretary; Mrs. Willie Conley, treasurer, and Mrs. Jennie Hughes, agent Missionary Voice.

During the social hour following the service Mrs. Snyder served refreshments.

Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Morning service 10:30. Evening service 6:30 o'clock. Epworth League Sunday 5:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30 pm. Bible Class Thursday 6:30 p. m. Choir practice Friday evening 5:30 to 6:30.

A cordial invitation is extended every one to attend these services. JAS. D. BELL, Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Revival Meeting. There will be a revival meeting at the Baptist Church beginning the first Sunday in February.

Rev. J. R. Reynolds, pastor of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., will do the preaching, and Mr. Rayburn, a noted soloist and a fine evangelistic singer, will have charge of the music.

Everybody is earnestly solicited to attend. Sunday School 9:30 a. m. Preaching service 10:30 a. m. Evening worship 6 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6 p. m. First Wednesday night in each month business meeting. You are cordially invited to attend all services. J. T. POPE, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School every Sunday 9:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday 6:30.

WITH KENTUCKIANS IN NATIONAL CAPITAL

Allen Cisco, Jr., West Liberty, Ky., chairman of the Goods Roads Committee of West Virginia, is in Washington for a conference with Government officials. The committee plans to connect all county seats in West Virginia with modern highways he said.

Earl Fields, young son of Representative W. J. Fields, suffered a broken arm when a sled on which he was coasting overturned.

Representative John W. Langley and Mrs. Langley were advised that her father, former Representative J. M. Gudger, Ashville, N. C., is at the point of death.

OIL MAN EXPIRES SUDDENLY IN CINCINNATI

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 29.—A man, whose name was given as E. M. Nowell of Lexington, Ky., expired suddenly in the Hotel Sinton lobby shortly after the noon hour today. He was engaged in the oil business and was worth a million dollars or more.

WILLIAMS-BROWN.

Mr. George Brown and Miss Elizabeth Williams were married Saturday evening at the home of the bride on Lock avenue. Judge Billie Riffe performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams, who moved to this place from Patrick.

A CORRECTION.

In a letter from Hannah a few weeks ago the item that Otis Wells and Miss Pigg were married was not true. The NEWS has often warned correspondents against sending in false items. We will expose the author in every such case.

NINE MONTHS OF SCHOOL.

The Board of Education of Louisa Graded Schools has fixed nine months as the length of term for this year. Heretofore it has been either seven or eight months.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Arbie Wallace, 30, to Julia Spencer, 27, of Ulysses and Noris. Forest D. Damron, 25, to Pluma Collinsworth, 23, of Fallsburg. George D. Brown, 20, to Lizzie M. Williams, 18, of Henrietta and Louisa.

HEWITT CASE REVERSED.

The case of the Hewitt Lumber Co., against Cisco, appealed from Martin county, was reversed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals. This is a victory for the lumber company, as Cisco won in the lower court.

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO. FINED.

Harlan, Ky.—Fines aggregating \$4,110.40 were imposed in the Circuit Court against the American Railway Express Company on 59 judgments in penal actions against the Adams Express Company for alleged violations of the liquor anti-shipment law in the spring of 1918. The cases were appealed.